# Citizens Academy of Planning

Session 3 – Unified Development

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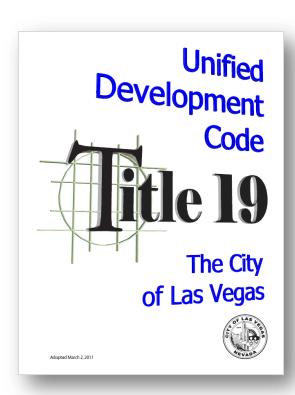


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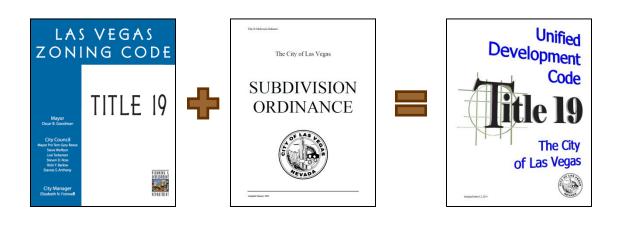




# Unified Development Code UDC Introduction

What is the Unified Development Code (UDC)?

It is Zoning and Subdivision Regulations in one consolidated document





### **UDC** Introduction

What does the UDC govern?

It governs how land is:



✓ Developed –

✓ Used -



Lot 1

Lot 2

Lot 3

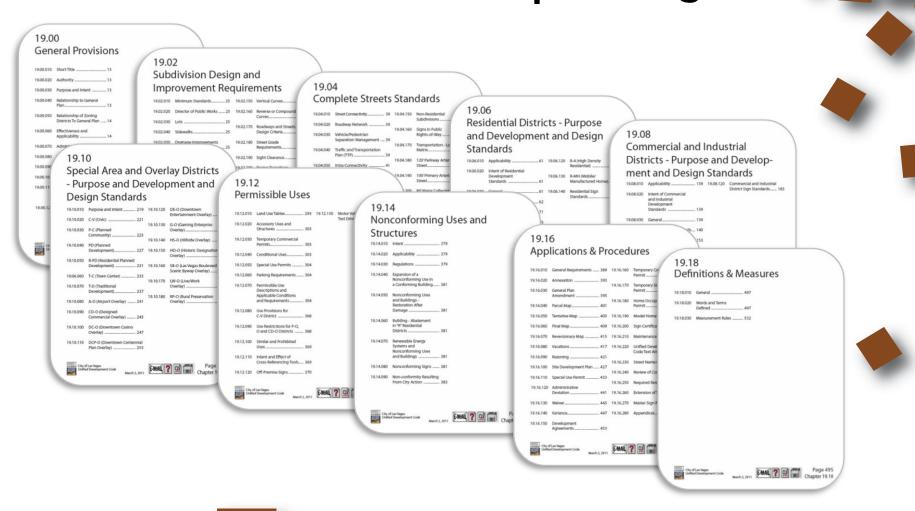


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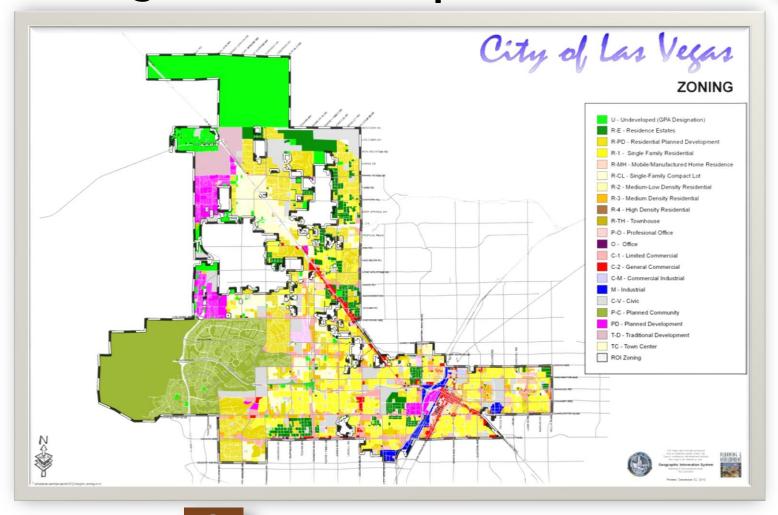


# Unified Development Code UDC Introduction – Chapter Org.





# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts – Map





# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts - Residential

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose
U	<b>Undeveloped</b> - a temporary classification to be used until property is ready for development for a more intense, permanent use. This classification is intended to be used as a holding zone to prevent the premature, haphazard development of property.
R-E	<b>Residential Estates</b> - provides for low density residential units located on large lots and conveying a rural environment. This District is consistent with the policies of the Desert Rural Density Residential category of the General Plan.
R-1	<b>Single Family Residential</b> - provides for the development of single-family detached dwellings in a suburban setting. This District is consistent with the policies of the Low Density Residential category of the General Plan.

# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts - Residential (cont'd)

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose							
R-CL	<b>Single Family Compact-Lot</b> - provides for single-family units and other customary residential uses on a smaller lot size. The density associated with this District is consistent with the policies of the Medium-Low Density Residential category of the General Plan.							
R-TH	<b>Single Family Attached</b> - accommodates single-family attached residences with designs and densities that transition between multifamily and single-family uses. This District is consistent with the policies of the Medium Density Residential category of the General Plan.							
R-2	<b>Medium-Low Density Residential</b> - establishes lots primarily for medium to low density single-family detached units and duplex units. This District is consistent with the policies of the Medium-Low Density and Medium-Low Attached Residential categories of the General Plan.							



# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts - Residential (cont'd)

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose
R-3	<b>Medium Density Residential</b> - provides for the development of a variety of multi-family units such as duplexes, townhouses and medium density apartments. This District is consistent with the policies of the Medium Density Residential and High Density Residential categories of the General Plan.
R-4	<b>High Density Residential</b> - allows for the development of high density multi-family units within the downtown urban core and in other high intensity areas suitable for high density residential development. This District is consistent with the policies of the High Density Residential category of the General Plan.
R-MH	Mobile/Manufactured Home Residential - establishes subdivision lots primarily for mobile or manufactured homes. This District is consistent with the policies of the Low Density Residential category of the General Plan.

# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts – Commercial

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose
P-O	<b>Professional Office</b> - allows for office uses in an area which is predominantly residential but because of traffic and other factors is no longer suitable for the continuation of low density residential uses. This district is designed to be a transitional zone to allow low intensity administrative and professional offices. These uses are characterized by a low volume of direct daily client and customer contact. To decrease the impact to adjacent residential uses, single family structures should be retained or new development in this District should be constructed to maintain a residential character and is consistent with the Office category of the General Plan.
O	<b>Office</b> - provides for the development of office uses, supporting service uses and low intensity commercial uses performing administrative, professional and personal services. These may be small office buildings developed in a cluster with an internal traffic circulation system or one larger office building. This district may be used as a buffer between residential and more intense retail/commercial uses. The O District is consistent with the Office category of the General Plan.



### Zoning Districts - Commercial (cont'd)

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose
C-1	<b>Limited Commercial</b> - provides most retail shopping and personal services, and may be appropriate for mixed use developments. This district should be located on the periphery of residential neighborhoods and should be confined to the intersections of primary and secondary thoroughfares along major retail corridors. This District is consistent with the Service Commercial and the Neighborhood Center categories of the General Plan.
C-2	<b>General Commercial</b> - provides the broadest scope of compatible services for both the general and traveling public. This category allows retail, service, automotive, wholesale, office and other general business uses of an intense character, as well as mixed-use developments. This district should be located away from low and medium density residential development and may be used as a buffer between retail and industrial uses. This District is also appropriate along commercial corridors and is consistent with the General Commercial category of the General Plan.



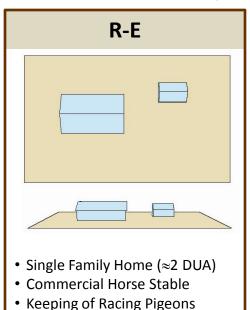
# Unified Development Code Zoning Districts – Industrial

Designation	Zoning District Name & Purpose
C-M	Commercial/Industrial - a general commercial and restricted industrial district which provides for a variety of compatible business, warehouse, wholesale, office and limited industrial uses. This District is intended to be located away from areas of low and medium density residential development and is consistent with the Light Industry/Research category of the General Plan.
M	Industrial - provides for heavy manufacturing industries in locations where they will be compatible with and not adversely impact adjacent land uses. This district is intended to be located away from all residential development. The M District is consistent with the Light Industry/Research category of the General Plan.

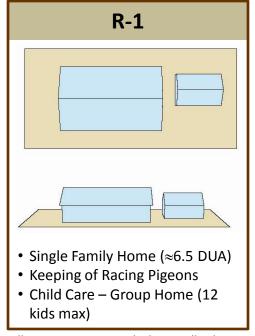
### **Zoning Districts**

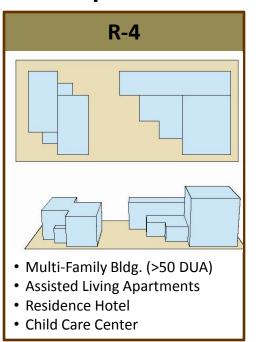
How does zoning impact use of property?

A property's zoning determines the intensity to which the property can be developed. For example:



Animal Hospital or Shelter





DUA = Dwelling Units per Acre which typically demotes density

### **Zoning Districts**

How is land use impacted when zoning changes?

Generally, a change of zoning is to a more intense district and therefore allows for higher intensity uses.

However, this can result in Nonconforming Uses or Structures and/or compatibility concerns with neighbors.



### Permitted Uses – Use Table

What is possible where?

The Permitted Use Table identifies what uses are permitted in each district.

	C	R€	R-1	R-CL	R-TH	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-MH	P-0	0	C-1	C-2	C-M	M	C-V	Additional Information
Accessory Structure (Class I)	S	S	S														page 305
Accessory Structure (Class II)	С	С	С	С	С	C	С	C	С								page 305
Adult Day Care Center	S	S	S			S	S	S	S	C	C	Р	Р	Р	Р		page 305
Airport, Heliport or Landing Field														Р	Р		page 305
Amphitheater												S	C	C	C		page 306
Ancillary Lounge Bar												S	S	S	S		page 306
Animal Hospital, Clinic, or Shelter (with no Outside Pens)											S	S	Р	Р	Р		page 307
Animal Hospital, Clinic, or Shelter (with Outside Pens)	S	5										S	Р	Р	Р		page 307
Animal Keeping & Husbandry	С	C															page 307
Animal Keeping, Wild or Exotic	С	C													С		page 307
Animal Production	Р	Р															page 307
Antique/Collectible Store												Р	Р	Р	Р		page 308
Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plant															Р		page 308
Assisted Living Apartments						S	Р	Р				S	S				page 308



### Permitted Use – Impact of Zoning

How does zoning impact permissible uses?

Zoning determines whether a use is permitted on the subject property and whether or not any conditions or discretionary approvals are required to mitigate the impacts of the use. For example:



From the table above, we see that a Child Care Center is identified as permissible in all but 5 districts. So, if the subject property is R-E the use would be allowed with the approval of a Special Use Permit (signified by the "S" in the table), but if the subject property is R-1 the use wouldn't be allowed at all since the space is blank.

### Permitted Use - Classifications

What is the difference between a Permissible, Conditional and Special use?

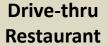
- Permitted Use (denoted by a "P"): the use is permitted as a principal use in that zoning district by right
- Conditional Use (denoted by a "C"): the use is permitted, but only in accordance with the conditions specified for the use in that zoning district
- Special Use (denoted by a "S"): the use is permitted only after obtaining a Special Use Permit (SUP). Base standards, which may or may not be waivable, may apply as well as any other conditions deem appropriate by the approving authority in that zoning district



### Permitted Use – Uses & Parking

How are a property's use and parking related?

A property's use determines the parking ratio that applies to the site. Ratios are based on studies related to the parking demand relative to the size and nature of the use, for example:



1 space for each 100 SF of GFA, including outdoor areas for seating and waiting



#### Restaurant

1 space for each 50 SF of seating and waiting area (including outdoor areas for seating and waiting), plus 1 space for each 200 SF of the remaining GFA, with a min. of 10 spaces required



### Permitted Use - Uses & Parking (cont'd)

Then how is parking calculated in relation to the use?

By using the parking requirement for each use and filling in the variables. For example:



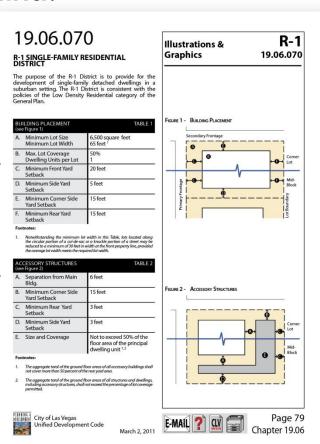
	Building, Use and Square-footage	Parking Standard	# of Spaces Required				
Α	Drive-thru Restaurant (2625 SF)	1 space for each 100 SF of GFA	2625/100 = 26.25 spaces				
В	Drive-thru Restaurant (2795 SF)	1 space for each 100 SF of GFA	2795/100 = 27.95 spaces				
С	Night Club (2625 SF and 60 max cap)	1 space for every 3 persons at max. capacity	60/3 = 20 spaces				
D	General Retail (7150 SF)	1 space per 175 SF of GFA	7150/175 = 40.86 spaces				
E	General Retail (6050 SF)	1 space per 175 SF of GFA	6050/175 = 34.57 spaces				
F	Convenience Store (3600 SF)	1 space per 175 SF of GFA	3600/175 = 20.75 spaces				



#### Setbacks

Where is setback information found?

- Setback information is listed for each district in the "Building Placement" table.
- Setback information related to accessory structures are included in the "Accessory Structures" table.

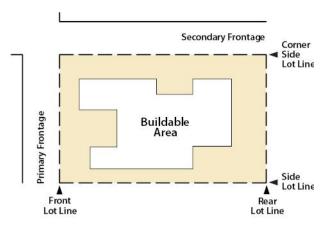


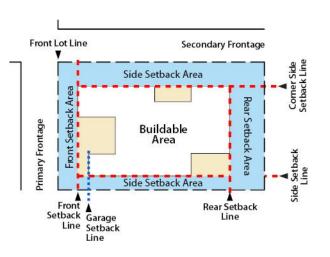


### Setbacks

How are setbacks determined?

Setbacks are measure by drawing a line parallel to the corresponding lot line at a distance equal to the setback standard for the district. The area between the lot line and the setback line is the setback area.







### Setbacks

What elements or features are permissible within the setback areas?

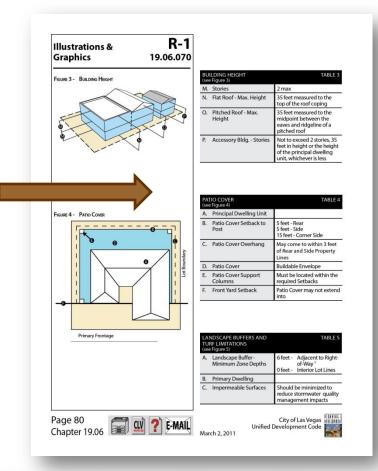
- Certain elements or features may intrude into setback areas to various degrees, such as:
  - Architectural Features (Bay windows, fireplaces, roof eaves)
  - Architectural Embellishments (institutional symbols for churches and public buildings)
  - Mechanical Equipment (air-conditioning units, pool filters and heaters, etc.)
  - Patio Covers



### Heights

Where are building height standards found?

Building height (both principle and accessory) information is listed for each district in the "Building Height" table.



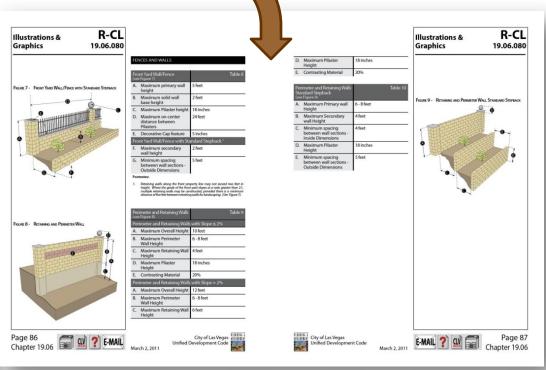


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Where are wall height standards found?

Wall height information is included in the "Fences and

Walls" tables.

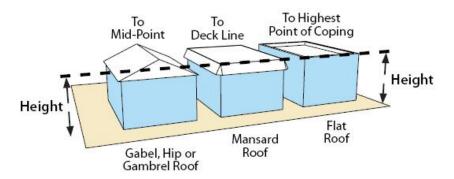




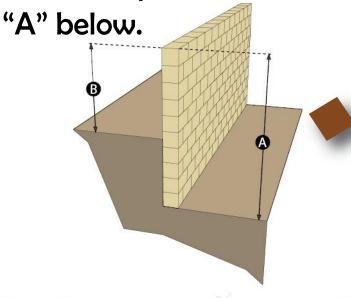
### Heights

How is height measured?

Building height is measured from the finished grade to the midpoint of a peaked roof, deck line of a mansard roof, or highest point of the coping for a flat roof.



 Wall height is measured from side with the greatest vertical exposure,

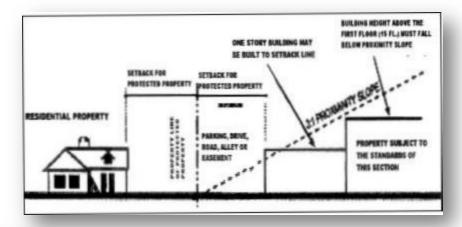




### Heights

How is height affected by the Residential Adjacency standards?

A property subject to this standard has to meet the Proximity Slope which limits heights above a line drawn at a 3:1 slope from the property line of a protected residential property.



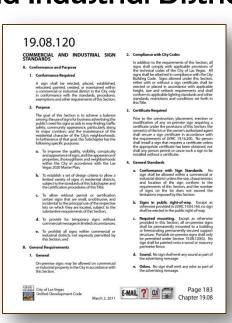


### Signs

Where is signage information found?

Signage information is found at the end of the development standards chapters for the Residential Districts and the Commercial and Industrial Districts.







### Signs

What are permitted and non-permitted materials?

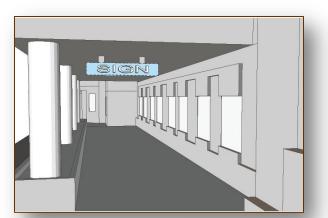
- All signs, other than temporary signs have to be constructed of durable materials.
- All signs must be permanently attached to the ground, a building or other structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame or structure.
- No sign may be painted onto a wood or masonry perimeter fence.



### Signs

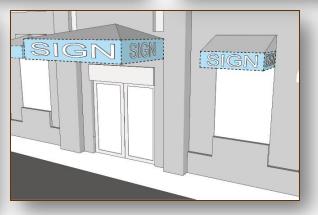
What are examples of permitted signs in commercial

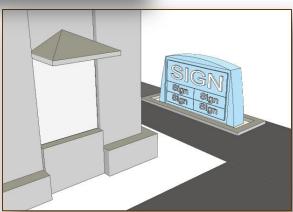
areas?













### Signs

What types of signage requires a permit?

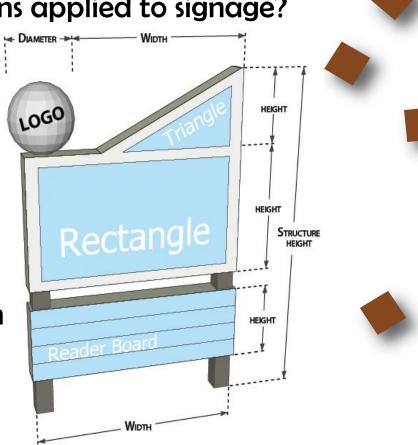
- Most signage requires a permit.
- However, signage such as decorations, traffic control signs on private property, official flags, garage/yard sale signs, incidental signs, open house signs and some political signs.
- All signage whether a permit or certificate is required or not must meet all applicable standards.



### Signs

How are height and size restrictions applied to signage?

- Sign height is measured from the grade to the highest attached component of the sign.
- Sign size or area is generally measured by the area of the smallest shape or combination of shapes that encompasses the smallest perimeter of the sign's message



### Complete Streets

What does CLV mean by Complete Streets?

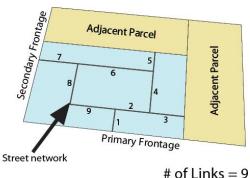
- Complete Streets for the City are streets that contribute to a connected transportation system as outlined in the City's General Plan and provide a safe and accessible environment for a variety of transportation modes and users.
- The connectivity standards set forth in the UDC apply to all development projects whether utilizing public streets, private streets or private drives.

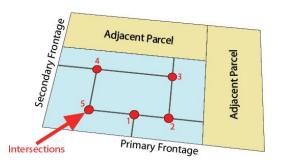


### Complete Streets

#### What is Connectivity and how is it measured?

- Connectivity is a measure of how efficiently a transportation network provides access between internal and external destinations. It is measured using a Connectivity Ratio.
- For comparison purposes, a perfect street grid has a Connectivity Ratio over 2.0, while a conventional cul-desac subdivision has a Connectivity Ratio of 1.0.





Connectivity Ratio
Equation = Links/Nodes\*

# of Nodes = 5

9(Links)/5(Nodes) = 1.8

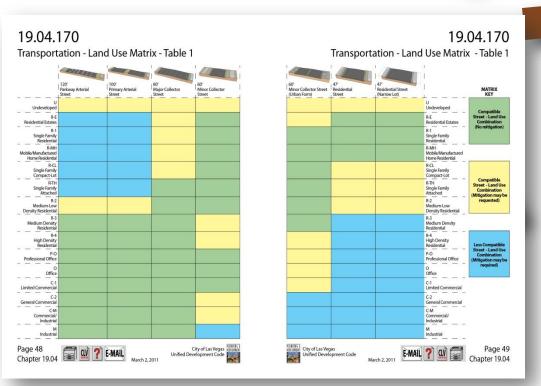
\*Only Links and Nodes that are Internal to the site are used in the connecitvity equation.

### Complete Streets

#### What is the "Transportation – Land Use Matrix"?

The Transportation - Land Use Matrix is intended to demonstrate the inter-connectedness of land use and the

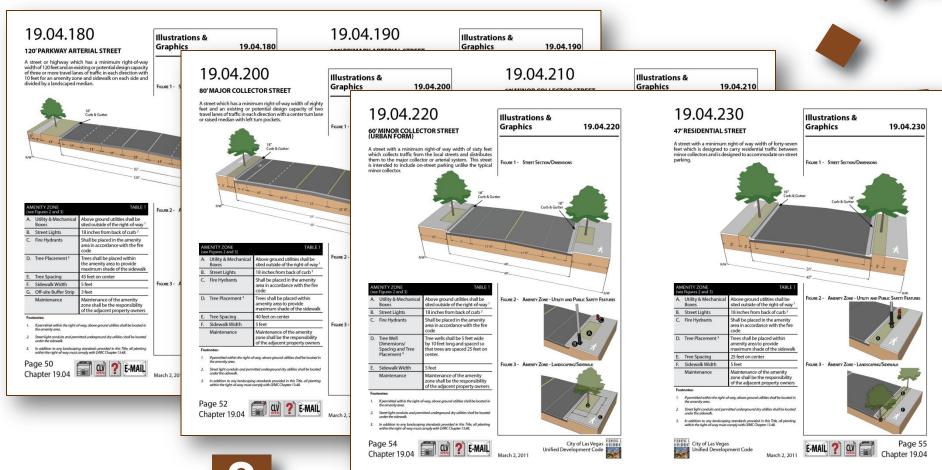
adjacent transportation network. The matrix identifies each zoning district and indicates the compatibility of the that district with the range of streets detailed in the UDC.





### Complete Streets

What do the street sections look like?



Questions





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